



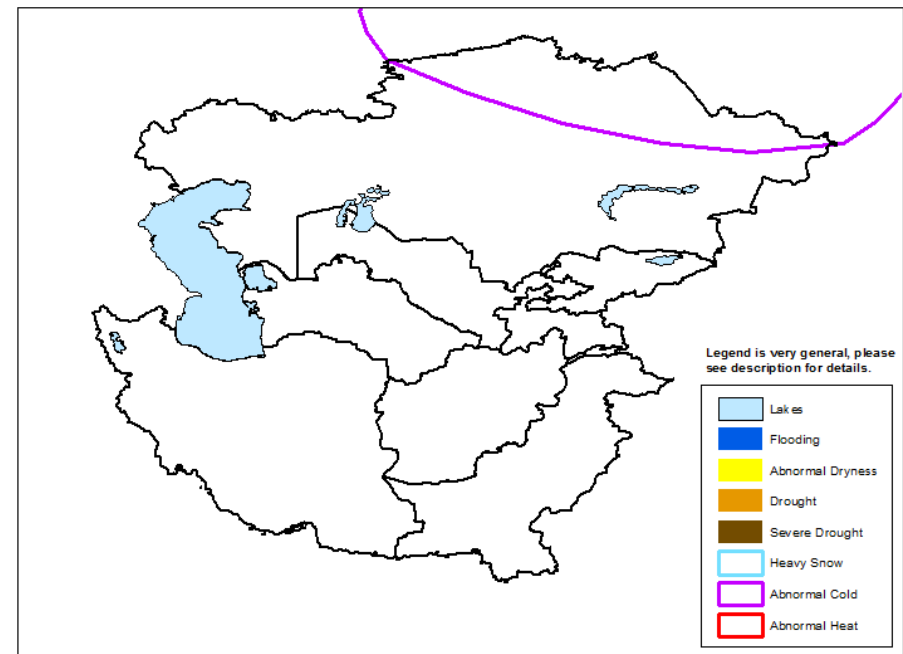
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 21 - 27, 2016

Temperatures:

Temperatures began to moderate across northeast Kazakhstan with weekly temperatures averaging near to slightly below-normal and extreme minimum temperatures near -30 degrees C. Meanwhile, above-normal temperatures persisted across the remainder of the region with the largest positive anomalies (6 to 10 degrees C) observed across southwest Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. The GFS model indicates that much below-normal temperatures will return to northeast Kazakhstan where minimum temperatures are forecast to average more than 12 degrees C below-normal and could fall below -35 degrees C.

Precipitation

During the past week, light to moderate precipitation (22 mm or less, liquid equivalent) occurred across most of the region. According to the CPC Unified Gauge Analysis, precipitation has averaged at or above-normal across most of Central Asia including northern Afghanistan during the past 30 days. Mostly light precipitation is expected across the region during the next week although locally heavy snow (around 25 mm, liquid equivalent) may occur across the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.